

Youth Hunter		
Age	Available To	Opportunities and Requirements
11	Resident & Nonresident	<p>A youth 11 years of age who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2012, may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After August 15, 2011, hunt any game species for which their license is valid during an open season. Purchase a hunting license, except spring turkey and spring black bear, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of purchase. Apply for any drawing, except spring turkey, and must be able to show proof of having completed an approved hunter education course at the time of application.
11-13	Resident & Nonresident	In order to carry or use a firearm in public, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the child, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, as per Montana law.
12-15	Resident & Nonresident	<p>A new youth season effective 2011:</p> <p>Youth Two-Day Deer Hunts –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FWP Commission is allowing two additional days to provide a hunting opportunity to encourage youth participation in deer hunting. Statewide Two-day Youth Only Deer Season – October 20-21. Legally licensed hunters 11 through 15 years of age may hunt deer statewide on the dates shown above. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During these two days, youth hunters with a general or deer B license may take those deer species and sex otherwise available on the general or deer B license the first day of the general firearm season in the specific hunting district the youth is hunting. A nonhunting adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field. Shooting hours, hunter safety requirements and all other regulations that apply to the regular deer firearm season shall apply to this youth two-day deer season.
12-17	Resident Only	A youth who has successfully completed a hunter safety and education course, and is purchasing his/her first Montana hunting license, is entitled to receive a Resident Youth Combination Sports License free-of-charge.
14	Resident Only	A youth 14 years of age who purchases a discounted general deer or elk license, may use the license throughout the season, even if he/she turns 15 before or during the season.
12-17	Nonresident Only	300 Nonresident Youth Big Game Combination Licenses will be sold for \$458.50, first-come, first-served beginning March 1 to nonresident youth who have an adult immediate family member sponsor (applicant's natural or adoptive parent, grandparent, brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older) who possesses a current resident deer or elk license or a nonresident big game, elk combination or nonresident deer combination license. The youth must be accompanied by the sponsor while hunting. Applications are available from FWP's website and will be processed at the FWP headquarters in Helena. For further details and an application, contact Licensing at 406-444-2950.

Youth Elk Hunts	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2012) -15 years of age may hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations without applying for an elk permit through the drawing in the following hunting districts. Be sure to check specific hunting district regulations as youth hunting opportunities in some of the districts listed below <u>may not include either-sex or antlered bull elk.</u> 	
Resident and Nonresident	
R 1	100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 110, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 130, 132, 140, 141, 150, 151
R 2	200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 240, 261, 270, 280, 281, 283, 285, 291, 292, 293
R 3	300, 301, 310, 311, 313, 316, 317, 318, 319, 321, 328, 329, 331, 332, 334, 335, 339, 340, 341, 343, 350, 360, 361, 362, 370, 380, 391, 392
R 4	401, 403, 412, 415, 417, 426, 441, 447
R 5	520, 560

Youth Elk Permits and Elk B Licenses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elk permits and elk B licenses only for youth 12 (by Jan 16, 2012) -15 years of age to hunt elk as listed in the specific hunting district regulations are offered in hunting districts listed below. To qualify, the applicant must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be 12 (by Jan 16, 2012) -15 years of age at time of application. show proof of successfully completing hunter education. be accompanied, while hunting, by an adult and/or guardian who is at least 18 years of age. Youth that are 15 years of age at the start of the general season, October 22, are eligible to hunt in the youth areas even if they turn 16 years of age during the season. 	
Resident and Nonresident	
R 2	282-20
R 6	621-80 (valid in HDs 620, 621, and 622), 631-81 (valid in HDs 630, 631, and 632), 690-80 (valid in HDs 680 and 690).